(c) It was made clear to the manufacturers of 6-APA on 2nd April, 1986 that future imports of Potassium Penicillin G/V 1st Crystals required for the production of 6-APA would only be allowed if Penicillin 1st Crystals are utilised in such production in the ratio of 70 per cent imports 30 per cent indigenous production.

(d) and (e) While granting import licences for Potassium Penicillin G/V 1st Crystals it is ensured that 6-APA producers have procured this intermediate in the stipulated ratio.

Economy drive in Coal India Limited

645. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited has undertaken an economy drive to cut down losses from Rs. 325 crores to Rs. 180 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) All out efforts are being made to reduce cost of production and effect economy in Coal India Limited by better utilisation of men and machinery, better inventory control, reduction in administrative expenses, increase in productivity by introduction of better management practices and technology. These efforts are likely to result in an all round saving of about Rs. 100 crores during the year 1986-87.

Clearance to Reliance Industries to import capital goods without seeking MRTP clearance

646. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries Ltd., obtained clearance for importing capital goods and for tie up foreign collaboration, not only for PTA (Purified Terephthalic Acid) but also for other units to make Paraxylene and Benzene without seeking or obtaining licence or MRTP clearance; and

(b) if so, under what circumstances such a clearance was given to the Reliance Industries Ltd. without the fulfilment of the requirements before the grant of clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) An Industrial Licence has been issued to M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. for the manufacture of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA). Paraxylene is an intermediate for manufacture of PTA. No separate industrial licence is required for manufacture of paraxylene as it is for captive consumption. However the unit obtained MRTP clearance from the point of investment for manufacture of paraxylene for captive consumption.

Approvals for import of capital goods and for foreign collaboration for manufacture of paraxylene for captive consumption were given in accordance with the procedure prevalent at that time.

Shortage of acitrom

647. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the persistent acute shortage of the life saving drug Acitrom, endangering the lives of thousands of persons who have undergone heart surgery for valve replacement all over the country;

(b) if so, what is the difference between the demand and supply of